

News

Winners announced

Keith Pritchard scholarship awarded to keen students who exhibit strong motivation and a desire to learn

By Tony Ford

Conestoga College has named this year's winners of the Keith Pritchard Scholarship.

The awards usually are presented annually to one first-year student and one second-year student, but this year three students were chosen to receive cash awards to be used for further tuition.

"We don't have more cash money in the bank, so we decided to have a 'make up' fund," said Carol Walsh, administrator of financial aid, who administers the awards.

Edward Pritchard, a student from Conestoga awarded in the computer engineering technology program for January this afternoon, engineering technology continued education program, was the first place award of \$2,000 to be put toward his second year of study in the 2008-09 school year.

Maha Prakash of Canada is student in the computer engineering technology, non-credit/non-graduate program, received the \$200 award up toward his first year of study in the 2008-09 school year.

Jenny Galois of Waterloo is the first in electronics engineering technology, non-credit/non-graduate program, received the \$200 award up toward his first year of study in the 2008-09 school year.

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Carol Walsh, administrator of financial aid, student scholarship and awards

The award which was created by Pritchard is a company along with the money received from the Ontario Student Opportunities Trust Fund, is presented to Conestoga's electronics students who demonstrate excellence in the learning process and leadership qualities.

The decision made by the faculty of the program is based on the student's performance in the

following year of study in well as the student's demonstration of leadership and leadership qualities.

The winning student must show a financial need and have good academic standing.

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The scholarship was established in the memory of Pritchard, a graduate of the college's electronics engineering technology program, after his sudden death in 1994. Pritchard graduated in 1971 and began his career in business. He was a Canada Award for Student Excellence laureate.

In 1992 he became president of S.E. Electronics, an international, recognized firm in communications and sensitive technology for the power transmission industry.

"He (Pritchard) had a great sense of humor," said Walsh, adding that the award is quickly becoming the student's Pritchard personal scholarship along with the ability to show good results.

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Edward Pritchard from March 1971 photo taken at the time of his death. Photo taken by the newspaper on July 25, 1971.

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